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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1657

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 2828

FOR SY, VO, AND ARA/CAR

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: CVIS ASEC JM

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR LOOKOUT AND SURVEILLANCE ON JAMAICAN NATIONAL -
ERIC "RICO" WALTON

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY SOURCE OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY THAT SUBJECT INTENDS TRAVEL TO CHICAGO SOMETIME DURING WEEK OF JULY 12 TO PURCHASE ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR ILLEGAL IMPORTATION INTO JAMAICA. WALTON, BORN ABOUT 1940, IS A JAMAICAN CITIZEN, BLACK, WEARS BEARD, IS ABOUT 5 FT 9 INCHES TALL, AND WEIGHS APPROXIMATELY 150 LBS. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE FROM ITS FILES WHETHER WALTON POSSESSES VALID VISA. IF NOT AND HE APPLIES, WE INTEND ISSUE SINGLE ENTRY VISA. WALTON, WHO IS PRESENTLY A PROGEGE OF MINISTER OF HOUSING ANTHONY SPAULDING, WAS IN LATE 1960'S AND EARLY 1970'S A SECOND LIEUTENANT IN JAMAICA DEFENSE FORCE. HE WAS RELEASED FROM DUTY "AS AN UNDESIRABLE" ABOUT 1971 OR 1972. VARIOUS SOURCES OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY OVER RECENT MONTHS HAVE ADVISED EMBASSY THAT WALTON HAS BEEN TRAINING PNP (GOVERNMENT PARTY) MEMBERS IN THE USE OF FIREARMS AND THAT HE IS HIMSELF A KEY PNP GUNMAN. DURING JANUARY RIOTS IN WEST KINGSTON HE WAS ARRESTED AND HELD BY POLICE FOR A FEW DAYS. HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO CUBA OVER PAST FEW YEARS. MORE RECENTLY THE SAME SOURCE FIRST CITED
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ABOVE HAS REPORTED TO EMBASSY THAT WALTON HAS BEEN MEETING

REGULARLY IN CLANDESTINE FASHION WITH PM MANLEY, A
NUMBER OF JAMAICAN RADICALS, AND SEVERAL CUBANS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IF WALTON TRAVELS TO CHICAGO, IT PROBABLY
WILL BE VIA AIR JAMAICA TO O'HARE AIRPORT , BUT ALSO COULD BE
VIA MIAMI OR
NEW YORK. REQUEST INS AND CUSTOMS LOOKOUT TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY
FOR
NEXT TWO WEEKS AT ALL THREE PORTS OF ENTRY. SHOULD HE
TURN UP HE SHOULD BE QUESTIONED CLOSELY
ON PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP AND HIS BAGGAGE SHOULD BE
SEARCHED THOROUGHLY FOR WEAPONS, CURRENCY, AND MARIJUANA.
IF TIME PERMITS ALSO REQUEST FBI OR OTHER APPROPRIATE
SURVEILLANCE WHILE WALTON REMAINS IN U.S. ALTHOUGH THE
VARIOUS SOURCES CITED ABOVE HAVE THEIR OWN AXES TO GRIND,
THERE IS ONE THING WE ARE CERTAIN OF -- WALTON CAN BE UP
TO NO GOOD AND HIS ACTIVITIES IN U.S. COULD PROVIDE
SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER
PNP IS IN FACT IMPORTING ARMS FROM THE U.S. FOR
POLITICAL PURPOSES.
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